

## Message Text

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R 120715 Z MAR 73  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2974  
INFO USDEL FRANCE  
USSAG NKP  
AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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EXDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, MOPS, LA  
SUBJECT: EVENTUAL PLACEMENT OF ICC TEAMS ON PASSES FROM  
NORTH VIETNAM INTO STEEL TIGER

USSAG FOR GENERAL VOGT

1. ONE OF THE MATTERS THAT AMBASSADOR UNGER AND I  
DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL VOGT WHEN WE MET AT NKP FIRDAY  
WAS THE CONTINUED USE BY THE NVA OF THE HO CHI MINH  
TRAIL AREA. THIS OBVIOUSLY TIES IN WITH THE HOPED  
FOR ICC ACTIVITY IN LAOS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ICC TEAMS  
ON THE KEY PASSES. AS OF THAT TIME MOST OF THE RLG  
RECOMMENDED POINTS FOR ICC TEAMS WERE IN THE NORTHERN  
PORTION OF LAOS, PRINCIPALLY WHERE THERE WAS CHINESE  
ROAD BUILDING ACTIVITY, AND IN THE WESTERN CORRIDORN OF  
STEEL TIGER. OF THE PASSES INTO LOAS FROM NORTH VIETNAM  
THE RLG ONLY PROPOSED CONTROL POINTS WERE AT NONG HET ON ROUTE 7  
JUST WEST OF THE BARTHOLEME PASS AND AT THE NAPE PASS.

2. ALTHOUGH ARMA DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL BOUNTHIENG THE  
PLACING OF ICC TEAMS ALSO AT MUGIA, BAN KARIA AND BAN  
RAVING PASSES.  
I ALSO RAISED THIS POINT THIS MORNING WITH THE PRIME  
MINISTER AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION THE RLG COULD MAKE NOT  
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ONLY TO ITS OWN SECURITY BUT ALSO TO THAT OF CAMBODIA  
AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PRIME MINISTER HEARTILY AGREED,  
INDICATING HE WOULD SO INSTRUCT GENERAL BOUNTHIENG.  
GODLEY

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